

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 23-29.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, the processor readable code for controlling at least one of the processors to perform a method for activating and using mobile telephone instruments for communication with select remote telephone terminals through a public switched telephone network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving wireless signals from an active mobile telephone instruments representative of identification data for such instrument;

confirming the received wireless signals representative of identification data to cue the active mobile telephone instrument initially for basic owner data to enable a mobile telephone instrument for communication use, and subsequently for calling signals indicative of a desired remote telephone terminal to be called;

receiving calling signals from an enabled mobile telephone instrument indicative of a desired remote telephone terminal to be called; and

dialing up the desired remote telephone terminal to be called for communication and bridging the desired remote telephone terminal to the enabled mobile telephone instrument for the duration of the communication.

14. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 13 further including a step of limiting communication with mobile wireless telephone instruments based on a prepaid credit.

15. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 14 wherein the step of limiting communication includes storing a prepaid calling balance for at least one of the mobile wireless telephone instruments.

16. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 13 wherein active mobile telephone instruments are cued to speak numbers digit-by-digit.

17. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 16 which further includes adding value to the prepaid balance data online.

18. (Previously Presented) One or more processor readable storage devices in accordance with claim 13 further storing prepaid calling value data for controlling the use of mobile telephone instruments.

19. (Previously Presented) One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, the processor readable code for programming one or more processors to accomplish a connection from mobile wireless telephone instruments to operator terminals, and to select remote telephone terminals through a public switched telephone network, the programming comprising the functional steps of:

receiving wireless signals from an active mobile wireless telephone instrument representative of identification data for such instrument;

confirming the received wireless signals representative of identification data to cue the active mobile wireless telephone instrument for calling signals indicative of a desired remote telephone terminal to be called;

receiving transfer code signals from a code-transmitting active mobile wireless telephone instrument distinctly representing a transfer command indicating a desire for transfer to an operator terminal;

coupling the code-transmitting active mobile wireless telephone instrument to an operator station on receiving transfer code signals;

receiving calling signals from a calling active mobile wireless telephone instrument indicative of a desired remote telephone terminal to be called; and

dialing up the desired remote telephone terminal to be called for communication and bridging the desired remote telephone terminal to the calling active mobile wireless telephone instrument for the duration of the communication.

20. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 19 including a step of limiting communication with mobile wireless telephone instruments based on a prepaid credit.

21. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 20 wherein the step of limiting communication includes storing a prepaid calling balance for at least one of the mobile wireless telephone instruments.

22. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 19 wherein active mobile telephone instruments are cued to speak numbers digit-by-digit.

23. (New) One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied thereon, the processor readable code for controlling at least one of the processors to perform a method for activating and using mobile telephone instruments for communication with select remote telephone terminals through a public switched telephone network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving wireless signals from an active mobile telephone instruments representative of identification data for such instrument;

confirming the received wireless signals representative of identification data to cue an active mobile telephone instrument initially for basic owner data to enable a mobile telephone instrument for communication use, and preparatory to said active mobile telephone instrument providing calling signals indicative of a desired remote telephone terminal to be called;

receiving the calling signals from an enabled mobile telephone instrument indicative of a desired remote telephone terminal to be called; and

dialing up the desired remote telephone terminal to be called for communication and bridging the desired remote telephone terminal to the enabled mobile telephone instrument for the duration of the communication.

24. (New) A process according to claim 23 further including a step of limiting communication with mobile wireless telephone instruments based on a prepaid credit.

25. (New) A process according to claim 24 wherein the step of limiting communication includes storing a prepaid calling balance for at least one of the mobile wireless telephone instruments.

26. (New) A process according to claim 23 wherein active mobile telephone instruments are cued to speak numbers digit-by-digit.

27. (New) A process according to claim 26 which further includes adding value to the prepaid balance data online.

28. (New) One or more processor readable storage devices in accordance with claim 23 further storing prepaid calling value data for controlling the use of mobile telephone instruments.

29. (New) A process according to claim 23 wherein said wireless signals received from said active mobile telephone instruments are voice signals.